Amendment "B"

Please cancel claims 2, 4, and 15 – 25, and amend claims 1, 5 - 7, and 12. The state of claims 1, 3 and 5 - 14 following this Amendment "B" is as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An ambulance stretcher support for an ambulance having a floor with a top floor surface, comprising:

a stretcher leg receiving member including a concave stretcher wheel receiving surface adapted to releasably receive an ambulance stretcher leg;

a base configured to be mounted to the ambulance floor and to mount the stretcher leg receiving member for movement between a position substantially coplanar with the top floor surface, and a position below the top floor surface;

a vibration reduction device mounted between the base and the stretcher leg receiving member; and

wherein a stretcher leg can be releasably supported on the stretcher leg receiving member and the vibration reduction device will reduce transfer of vibration from the ambulance floor to the ambulance stretcher.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of at least three coil springs mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (currently amended). ~~The ambulance stretcher support of claim 3, wherein the coil springs are conical compression springs.~~ An ambulance stretcher support for an ambulance having a floor with a top floor surface, comprising:

a stretcher leg receiving member adapted to releasably receive an ambulance stretcher leg;

a base configured to be mounted to the ambulance floor and to mount the stretcher leg receiving member for movement between a position substantially coplanar with the top floor surface, and a position below the top floor surface;

a vibration reduction device mounted between the base and the stretcher leg receiving member;

wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of at least three coil springs mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base;

wherein the coil springs are conical compression springs; and

wherein a stretcher leg can be releasably supported on the stretcher leg receiving member and the vibration reduction device will reduce transfer of vibration from the ambulance floor to the ambulance stretcher.

Claim 6 (currently amended). ~~The ambulance stretcher support of claim 3, wherein the at least three coil springs are spaced substantially equiangularly about a central axis.~~ An ambulance stretcher support for an ambulance having a floor with a top floor surface, comprising:

a stretcher leg receiving member adapted to releasably receive an ambulance stretcher leg;

a base configured to be mounted to the ambulance floor and to mount the stretcher leg receiving member for movement between a position substantially coplanar with the top floor surface, and a position below the top floor surface;

a vibration reduction device mounted between the base and the stretcher leg receiving member;

wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of at least three coil springs mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base;

wherein the at least three coil springs are spaced substantially equiangularly about a central axis; and

wherein a stretcher leg can be releasably supported on the stretcher leg receiving member and the vibration reduction device will reduce transfer of vibration from the ambulance floor to the ambulance stretcher.

Claim 7 (currently amended). ~~The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the stretcher leg receiving member is slidably mounted to the base, and the ambulance stretcher support further comprises an "O"-ring seal mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base.~~ An ambulance stretcher support for an ambulance having a floor with a top floor surface, comprising:

a stretcher leg receiving member adapted to releasably receive an ambulance stretcher leg;

a base configured to be mounted to the ambulance floor and to mount the stretcher leg receiving member for movement between a position substantially coplanar with the top floor surface, and a position below the top floor surface;

a vibration reduction device mounted between the base and the stretcher leg receiving member;

wherein the stretcher leg receiving member is slidably mounted to the base, and the ambulance stretcher support further comprises an "O"-ring seal mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base; and

wherein a stretcher leg can be releasably supported on the stretcher leg receiving member and the vibration reduction device will reduce transfer of vibration from the ambulance floor to the ambulance stretcher.

Claim 8 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1 wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of at least three, and no more than nine, springs mounted between the stretcher leg receiving member and the base.

Claim 9 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the stretcher leg receiving member is movable with respect to the base along an axis, and wherein the base includes a thickness dimension along the axis that is no greater than approximately one inch.

Claim 10 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the stretcher leg receiving member is releasably mounted to the base, and the vibration reduction device comprises a plurality of springs releasably mounted between the base and stretcher leg receiving member such that said springs can be alternatively removed from or added between the stretcher leg receiving member and base.

Claim 11 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the vibration reduction device is limited to travel of not more than approximately .75 inch.

Claim 12 (currently amended). ~~The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the base includes an ambulance floor mounting flange and an annular wall extending along an axis from the flange and defining a vibration reduction device receiving chamber.~~ An ambulance stretcher support for an ambulance having a floor with a top floor surface, comprising:

a stretcher leg receiving member adapted to releasably receive an ambulance stretcher leg;

a base configured to be mounted to the ambulance floor and to mount the stretcher leg receiving member for movement between a position substantially coplanar with the top floor surface, and a position below the top floor surface;

wherein the base includes an ambulance floor mounting flange and an annular wall extending along an axis from the flange and defining a vibration reduction device receiving chamber;

a vibration reduction device mounted between the base and the stretcher leg receiving member; and

wherein a stretcher leg can be releasably supported on the stretcher leg receiving member and the vibration reduction device will reduce transfer of vibration from the ambulance floor to the ambulance stretcher.

Claim 13 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of a plurality of coil springs, and wherein the stretcher leg receiving member includes spring-locating bosses positioned about the stretcher leg receiving member.

Claim 14 (original). The ambulance stretcher support of claim 1, and wherein the vibration reduction device is comprised of a plurality of coil springs, and wherein the stretcher leg receiving member includes spring-locating bosses positioned about a central axis to receive and angularly space the coil springs at substantially equal angles about the central axis.

Claims 15-25 (withdrawn).

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